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## Editorial.

IN nine cases out of ten, your pastor will do you better and more successful service in revival work than any one else could possibly do.

HAVE you had any accessions during the year 1895? Why not? It is the mission of the church to *save souls*, and the church that is not instrumental in saving souls, fails in its mission.

THE Holy Spirit, his office and different manifestations, is being discussed in the columns of the EVANGELIST. Let us guard our words, so that, whether it is called a "baptism," or an "indwelling," we may give evidence that we are in possession of this Spirit, and he in possession of us.

THERE are yet those among our correspondents, who insist on informing the brotherhood on what railroad they traveled, at what hour they started, when they arrived, where they ate dinners, how well they were fed, and a great many other things, in which the public is not interested. Give us *news*.

HOLD up the hands of your pastor. Stand by him. His labors are arduous, and often wearisome. Help him, encourage him. When other ministers visit your congregation, treat them kindly and show them all due honor and respect, but *not at the expense of your pastor*. Because you give attention to the stranger, give none the less to your pastor.

WE printed but a limited number of Almanacs, yet at this writing there are more than one-half the number left. We trust our people will give this publication their unanimous support, at least give it sufficient encouragement to assure its permanency. The Almanac contains twenty-eight pages, and no advertisements. It is our purpose to enlarge the book next year, making it at least forty pages. Price 10 cents, per dozen \$1.00.

OUR Disciple friends are having some trouble with trine immersionists, found here and there among their own people. The *Christian Evangelist*, published in St. Louis, Mo., and the *Christian Standard*, published in Cincinnati, Ohio, contain articles now and then by their own people, endorsing trine immersion as Christian baptism. The way out of the difficulty is to accept the baptism universally admitted to be a *safe* baptism. There is only one such—trine immersion.

WHO is to blame that there have been no accessions to your congregation during the past year? What have *you* as a layman done to bring in the lost? No doubt you blame the pastor, but as a rule, the laity is as much at fault as the pastor and even more so. Perhaps you have been a fault finder, you have been complaining, and discouraging those who would work. Have you been honest and upright in all your business? Does your life preach? Do you show by your conduct that your life is governed by the Holy Spirit of God? Do you pray *louder* than you *live*? If you want to help your pastor and the church to save souls, remember that you cannot do it by loud, long and many prayers, but by a consistent, consecrated, Christian life.

BROTHER J. W. Fitzgerald, of Uniontown, Pa., in sending a list of subscribers, adds these words which we greatly appreciate:

I enclose you four subscriptions for the EVANGELIST, will help it along towards the 3000 mark. It seems to me that 3000 ought to be reached easily, and if our brethren would consider the advantage of their own denominational paper in their families they would certainly not hesitate to support it. My experience is that those families that take the paper, that not only the members of the church but those of such families that are not members are much more favorable to the church, and our greatest success in building up the church is in those sections where the greatest number of EVANGELISTS go. Showing that the paper is quite an aid in church work. When our members are posted in the success of the general church (and none are only those that read the paper,) they are better workers because more zealous than those that don't read it. Allow me in my judgment to congratulate you as a successful Editor. So far as I know you are giving general satisfaction, and praying that your labors

may be as useful in the future as in the past, and that your expectations may be more than realized in procuring 3000 subscribers,

Thank you, kind brother. Would that we had thousands of such brethren. Then would we have 3000 subscribers within three months time.

## HOW READEST THOU?

Under the heading, "Business Department," page 16, of the EVANGELIST, will be found the following rules, to be observed in the preparation of manuscript, for the paper.—

1. Write on one side of the paper only.
2. Do not write with *lead pencil*. Use pen and ink, and write legibly.
3. Leave space between lines. Use wide ruled paper.
4. Business matters and matter for publication should be kept separate.

These rules have appeared each week for more than nine months, and yet there is not a week but that one or the other of these rules, is violated, and in fact *all* of them. Why continue to write with *lead pencil*, when the rules of the office forbid it? Do you know that your pencil written manuscript is so defaced by the time we get it that it must be rewritten? Whole sentences are illegible, and we are compelled to *guess* at the author's meaning. Church news and contributions come to the office each week written with *lead pencil*. Now we wish to be just as lenient as possible with our contributors. We appreciate their efforts in helping us to give the church a good paper. But we *must* insist on a strict observance of this rule. Do not be surprised therefore, nor angry, if your pencil written manuscript is returned to you.

Again, so many of our contributors use very poor pencil tablet paper, and write with pen and ink. This is almost as bad as *pencil* written manuscript. The *ink* goes through the paper and blurs so that it is very difficult to read. Rule 4 is also frequently violated. Business matters and matter for the paper are written on the same sheet, making us a great deal of unnecessary trouble. These "hints" are given in a good spirit, and we trust our readers will receive them kindly. Turn to page 16 and read our terms and also the rules of the office.

If you do not get your paper regularly, please write us a card and inform us of the fact.